REMARKS

Claims 1-72 are pending and allowed in this application. Claims 73-76 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for rejoining claims 19-54. However, Applicants disagree with the Examiner's decision not to rejoin claims 73-76. Nonetheless, in the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicants have cancelled these claims.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any additional extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 required to enter this response and charge those additional fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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